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SUBJ: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JUNE 17 JERUSALEM PRESS CONFERENCE

1. PURSUANT DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST IN DEPARTMENT OPS CENTER -
EMBASSY AMMAN TELECON, EMBASSY TRANSMITS SECRETARY'S JUNE 17
JERUSALEM PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS. QUOTE:

SECRETARY KISSINGER: SO MANY OF YOU LISTENING TO RON'S
BRIEFINGS HAVE GOT THE IDEA THAT I HAD LEFT THE TRIP THAT
WAS FELT USEFUL ON THIS LAST DAY FOR ME TO ANSWER SOME
QUESTIONS AND RON AGREED, PROVIDED I DIDN'T MAKE AN
OPENING STATEMENT. (LAUGHTER)

I WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Q. DR KISSINGER, IT HAS BEEN ALMOST A WEEK
SINCE YOU MADE YOUR STATEMENT ABOUT RESIGNING UNLESS YOUR
INTEGRITY WAS RESTORED. DO YOU FEEL ANY BETTER ABOUT IT?

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SECRETARY KISSINGER: I WILL ANSWER THIS QUESTION,

BUT THEN I WONT ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THAT SUBJECT.
WE WILL KEEP IT THERE. I STICK BY WHAT I SAID A WEEK AGO
AND NOW THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS GOING
TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

Q. THERE IS A REPORT IN THE MORNING PAPERS THAT
PRESIDENT NIXON HAS INSTRUCTED YOU TO GET IN TOUCH WITH
PALESTINIAN LEADERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT
ON THAT?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THERE IS NO BASIS TO THIS REPORT.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, HOW CERTAIN ARE THE TECHNICIANS AND THE
SCIENTISTS THAT INFORMATION GIVEN TO EGYPT CANNOT BE USED TO
MANUFACTUR A BOMB?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET THIS
AGREEMENT INTO SOME SORT OF A PERSPECTIVE. WE HAVE
AGREEMENTS ON NUCLEAR REACTORS, I BELIEVE, WITH 28
OTHER COUNTRIES. YOU CAN CHECK THE EXACT NUMBER. THE ISSUE
OF DIVERSION HAS NEVER BEEN RAISED IN THE FACE OF OUR SAFE-
GUARDS EXCEPT IN THE LAST MONTH BECAUSE OF THE INDIA
NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. THE INDIA NUCLEAR EXPLOSION OCCURRED
WITH MATERIAL THAT WAS DIVERTED NOT FROM AN AMERICAN REACTOR
UNDER AMERICAN SAFEGUARDS, BUT FROM A CANADIAN REACTOR THAT
DID NOT HAVE APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS.

WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CONFIDENT THAT THE SAFEGUARD
AGREEMENTS UPON WHICH WE HAVE INSISTED AND ON WHICH WE SHALL
INSIST IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, ARE ADEQUATE TO PREVENT THE
DIVERSION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. NEVER
THELESS, WE WILL REVIEW THESE SAFEGUARDS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS
THAT HAVE TO TAKE PLACE WITH EGYPT OR WITH ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT
WITH WHICH WE WILL NEGOTIATE A SIMILAR AGREEMENT TO MAKE DOUBLY
SURE THAT THERE AREN'T ANY LOOPHOLES IN IT.

THIS REACTOR WILL TAKE FROM SIX TO EIGHT YEARS TO BUILD
AND IN THAT PERIOD, WILL, OF COURSE, PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE TO
CONCENTRATE ON, AMONG OTHERS, ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATHER
THAN ON MILITARY PURPOSES: A PERIOD OF TIME WITHIN WHICH WE
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BELIEVE THAT THE TURN TOWARDS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CAN BE
FINALLY ACCOMPLISHED.

Q. ARE THE ISRAELI OFFICIALS THAT YOU HAVE MADE THIS EXPLANATION
TO SATISFIED WITH IT? ARE THEY CONFIDENT AS YOU ARE THAT THERE
WILL BE NO DIVERSION?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: NEEDLESS TO SAY, FOR A COUNTRY THAT HAS

LIVED AS PRECARIOUSLY IS ISRAEL, ANYTHING WITH EVEN A VAGUE POTENTIAL FOR AFFECTING THE MILITARY SITUATION IS A SOURCE OF SOME CONCERN.

I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THOSE ISRAELI OFFICIALS WITH WHOM I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK AND WITH WHOM THE PRESIDENT HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK, REALIZE THAT THERE IS NO DANGER OF MILITARY DIVERSION, THAT THEY ARE REASSURED AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS WHOLE MATTER IS GOING TO BLOW OVER VERY QUICKLY.

A. MR. SECRETARY, HAS THERE BEEN ANY DISCUSSION IN ANY DEGREE OF DETAIL BETWEEN YOU OR THE PRESIDENT AND THE ISRAELIS ON THE PROBLEM OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE 1967 TERRITORIES THAT WERE SEIZED BY THE ISRAELIS AND WHAT IS THEIR REACTION?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THERE HAS BEEN NO DISCUSSION IN THE TALKS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE ISRAELIS ON THIS TRIP AND FOR THAT MATTER BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE ISRAELIS ON ANY PREVIOUS TRIP OF A SPECIFIC LINE TO WHICH ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

WE HAVE DELIBERATLY ADOPTED A STEP BY STEP APPROACH IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES DID NOT PUT FORWARD ANY PRECISE IDEA, BUT RATHER PERMITTED THE PARTIES TO CRYSTALIZE THEIR OWN THINKING AND ONLY WHEN THAT HAD OCCURRED HAS THE UNITED STATES PUT FORWARD SPECIFICS. THOSE WHO WERE ON TRIPS WITH ME KNOW THAT WE SPENT SOMETIMES AGONIZING WEEKS LETTING THE PARTIES CRYSTALIZE THEIR OWN THINKING BEFORE WE EMERGED WITH SOMETHING CALLED THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL TO BRIDGE GAPS THAT HAD ALREADY BECOME VERY NARROW.

SO THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT TALKED TO ISRAEL EITHER ON THIS TRIP OR ON MY PREVIOUS TRIPS ABOUT MY PARTICULAR LINE BUT

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ONLY ABOUT THE GENERAL PROCESS OF WITHDRAWAL THAT WILL BE PART OF A NEGOTIATION, TO WHICH ISRAEL HAS OF COURSE ALWAYS AGREED.

Q. SECRETARY KISSINGER, TWO QUESTIONS; THE FIRST ONE IS WILL THE UNITED STATES AND THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS FORMALLY REACH SOME FORM OF LONG-TERM MILITARY AID AGREEMENT TODAY?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: OF COURSE I SHOULDN'T ANTICIPATE WHAT MAY BE IN THE JOINT STATEMENT THAT IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION, AND IN FACT, WHICH I WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSING RIGHT AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, ENOUGH HAS BEEN SAID PUBLICLY BY SENIOR OFFICIALS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BY THE UNITED STATES TO LOOK AT THE MILITARY NEEDS OF ISRAEL ON A LONGER TERM BASIS THAT I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD GO OVERBOARD TO SPECULATE THAT WE WOULD AGREE TO THIS.

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Q. HOW MUCH, A MILLION AND A HALF A YEAR?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: NO, WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT EITHER SPECIFIC FIGURES OR ABOUT A SPECIFIC TIME. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE PRINCIPLE OF IT.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, WHAT WILL THE NEXT STEP BE IN THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: OF COURSE, YOU REMEMBER THAT IN EGYPT PRESIDENT SADAT POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE SOME FURTHER EXCHANGES NEEDED BETWEEN THE VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES BEFORE THE ARAB COUNTRIES COULD DECIDE WHICH WOULD BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE NEXT STEP. WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO DO IS TO EXCHANGE INFORMALLY IDEAS WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES TO SEE WHICH COURSE WILL CRYSTALLIZE AND THAT, IN TURN, WILL REQUIRE THAT THERE ARE SOME PRIOR DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL IS CONCERNED, WE EXPECT TO SEE THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE UNITED STATES NEXT MONTH AND THE PRIME MINISTER AT AN EARLY DATE, AND WE WILL THEN DISCUSS A COMMON APPROACH TO THE NEGOTIATION.

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Q. MR. SECRETARY, HAS PRESIDENT ASSAD DEFINITELY AGREED TO ATTEND THE GENEVA CONFERENCE?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT QUESTION HAS EVER BEEN FORMALLY PUT TO HIM THIS WAY. BUT CERTAINLY ALL OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE THEORY OF HIM ATTENDING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS ANY PROBLEM ABOUT THAT.

Q. HAVE YOU NOTICED ANY CHANGE IN ATTITUDES OR CONCERN AMONG THE LEADERS YOU DISCUSSED BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY YOU CAST OVER YOUR FUTURE BECAUSE OF YOUR COMMENTS IN SALZBURG?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH ANY OF THE LEADERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE MET AND I HAVE NOT HAD THAT IMPRESSION. OF COURSE, THERE IS SOME HOPE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. (LAUGHTER)

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT YOU THINK HAS HAPPENED IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL IN TERMS OF WHAT IS THE SITUATION NOW, AS YOU SEE IT?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I THINK, TO UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION NOW, ONE HAS TO CONSIDER IT IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS SINCE THE INITIATIVE, IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP CULMINATED, BEGAN. WHEN THIS INITIATIVE BEGAN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS POLARIZED BETWEEN THE ARAB WORLD ON THE ONE SIDE, AND ISRAEL ON THE OTHER, WITH THE ARAB WORLD BACKED BY THE SOVIET UNION, ISRAEL BACKED BY THE UNITED STATES.

AS A RESULT, EVERY CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAD THE INFLUENCE OF A SUPERPOWER CONFRONTATION AND THE UNITED STATES' ROLE WAS SEEN AS THAT OF SIMPLY REPRESENTING ONE OF THE SIDES IN A DISPUTE WHICH HAD BEEN FESTERING FOR 25 YEARS. LAST NOVEMBER, THERE BEGAN A DIPLOMATIC TURN IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES, WITHOUT GIVING UP ITS TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, AT THE SAME TIME BEGAN TO MOVE INTO A POSITION WHERE IT COULD BE HELPFUL TO ALL

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OF THE PARTIES IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION AND WHERE IN TURN,

THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST BEGAN TO RECONSIDER THEIR ONE-SIDED RELIANCE ON ONLY ONE OF THE COUNTRIES.

THIS PROCESS LEADING TO DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS CULMINATED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL TRIP WHICH HAS TO BE SEEN ON MANY LEVELS. ON THE ONE LEVEL, AS A SYMBOLIC AFFIRMATION OF A DRAMATIC REVERSAL IN THE WHOLE HISTORIC EVOLUTION OF THIS AREA; AT THE SAME TIME AS ENABLING THE UNITED STATES TO BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA, NOT BASED ON THE EXIGENCIES OF A PARTICULAR CRISIS, BUT BASED ON THE LONG-TERM PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS OF THE AREA, AND THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND CONVERSATION IN ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES HAS SERVED TO CRYSTALLIZE AND TO PUT INTO A FOCUS THIS DIRECTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ALL OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA.

AND THIRDLY, IT HAS ENABLED THE PRESIDENT TO ENGAGE IN PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS, NOT ABOUT THE TACTICS OF HOW PEACE SHOULD BE MADE, BUT ABOUT THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE PEACE EFFORTS, AND I THEREFORE THINK THAT THE MIDDLE EAST POLICY, IF WE CAN STAY ON THIS COURSE, AND WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A VERY TRICKY AND COMPLICATED AREA, COULD MARK ONE OF THE TURNING POINTS IN THE POST-WAR DIPLOMATIC HISTORY.

Q. DR KISSINGER, IN YOUR OPINION AND THAT OF UNITED STATES, HOW CAN THE PALESTINIANS EFFECTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY BE BROUGHT INTO THIS WHOLE NEGOTIATING PROCESS THAT HAS JUST BEEN DESCRIBED?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: OF COURSE, THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY FOR THE PALESTINIANS TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE PROCESS IS THROUGH A JORDANIAN NEGOTIATION IN WHICH THERE IS THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND FOR WHICH ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS DECLARED ITS READINESS IN PRINCIPLE. AS FOR OTHER STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN, I THINK IT IS PREMATURE TO SPECULATE AT THIS POINT WHEN THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES, SUCH AS BORDERS AND TERRITORY, THAT REQUIRE MORE URGENT CONSIDERATION.

Q. MR SECRETARY, A FEW MINUTES AGO IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED LANDS, YOU SAID AT THE END OF YOUR RESPONSE, "TO WHICH ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS AGREED".
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SECRETARY KISSINGER: ISRAEL HAS ALWAYS AGREED THAT IT DID NOT INSIST ON HOLDING ALL THE TERRITORIES ACQUIRED OR OCCUPIED IN THE 1967 WAR. THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBORS HAS CONCERNED TO WHAT PRECISE LINE ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT DID NOT HAVE TO BE FACED IN THE STAGES OF NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN GOING.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, WE REALLY CAN'T SENSE VERY WELL WHAT THE MOOD OR THE STYLE OF THE TALKS IS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THESE LEADERS. COULD YOU DESCRIBE A LITTLE BIT INVOLVING WHEN YOU ARE IN THE ROOM, WHAT IT IS LIKE AND HOW THEY APPROACH SUBJECTS AND SOMEWHAT OF THE TONE OF WHAT GOES ON?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THE PRESIDENT'S STYLE IN NEGOTIATIONS IS A VERY REFLECTIVE STYLE, THAT IS TO SAY HE DOES NOT GO IN THERE WITH TEN SPECIFIC POINTS TO BARGAIN ON A SPECIFIC AGREEMENT. HE BELIEVES THAT AS PRESIDENT HIS GREATEST CONTRIBUTION IS TO SET A GENERAL DIRECTION, TO MAKE SURE THE PARTIES WITH WHICH WE ARE DEALING UNDERSTAND OUR BASIC PURPOSES AND THEN TO LEAVE IT TO OTHERS TO FILL IN THE DETAILS OF THE DAY TO DAY NEGOTIATIONS. THAT IS ALL THE MORE NECESSARY AS IN A SIX TO FOUR HOUR

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IONS. THAT IS ALL THE MORE NECESSARY AS IN A SIX TO FOUR HOUR

MEETING ONE CAN IN ANY EVENT ONLY COVER THE MAIN DIRECTIONS. THEREFORE, IN THESE MEETINGS, THE PRESIDENT ALWAYS ATTEMPTS TO MAKE SURE AND IN MY VIEW DOES SO VERY EFFECTIVELY TO PUT ACROSS TO THE LEADER WITH WHOM HE IS TALKING WHAT THE GENERAL PURPOSES ARE OF THE UNITED STATES.

HE THEN ELICITS FROM THEM A STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTIONS IN WHICH THEY WANT TO GO. I WANT TO STRESS, THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP IS NOT SIMPLY TO DESIGN OR PRIMARILY TO DESIGN A NEGOTIATION PROCESS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, BUT TO BRING ABOUT AN UNDERSTANDING WHICH CAN SUSTAIN THE PROCESS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

SECONDLY, IN DISCUSSING THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS, WE ATTEMPT TO DEFINE WHAT THE LONG-TERM PURPOSES ARE THAT WE AND THE COUNTRY WHICH WE ARE VISITING CAN SHARE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF WHICH THEN THE PRECISE TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT.

PETER,

Q. DR KISSINGER, THERE WAS AN AIR OF HASTE ABOUT THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WAS ISSUED IN CAIRO. CAN YOU TELL US WHEN PREPARATIONS FOR THAT DECLARATION BEGAN?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU CAN DEDUCE FROM THE TYPOS AN AIR OF HASTE. THE PREPARATION FOR THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BEGAN ABOUT TEN DAYS--ON MY LAST VISIT TO PRESIDENT SADAT, AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, IT WAS AGREED FIRST TO SET UP THE COOPERATION COMMISSION AND, SECONDLY, THAT SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THAT COMMISSION WOULD BE SPELLED OUT DURING THE COURSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

SO AS SOON AS I RETURNED, PREPARATIONS BEGAN ABOUT SPELLING OUT THE DETAILS OF THAT ASPECT OF IT. THE NUCLEAR PART HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED SINCE APRIL, I BELIEVE, BY A VISITING TEAM OF EGYPTIANS AND IT HAPPENED TO CRYSTALLIZE AT ABOUT THE TIME OF THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND THERE WAS NO LONG-TERM DESIGN TO MAKE IT COINCIDE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. IT JUST HAPPENED TO COINCIDE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND IT WAS, THEREFORE, UNCLASSIFIED

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INCLUDED AS PART OF THE GENERAL PACKAGE. THE BASIC IDEA HAD BEEN IN PREPARATION BEFORE THE PRESIDENT ARRIVED.

IT WAS THEN DISCUSSED IN GREAT DETAIL BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS AND WAS REDUCED INTO A CONCRETE STATEMENT ON THURSDAY NIGHT. THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTY THAT EXISTED WAS THAT THE PARTY WAS DIVIDED BETWEEN ALEXANDRIA AND CAIRO AND, BY PASSING THE DOCUMENTS BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN ALEXANDRIA AND CAIRO, A FEW

LINES OF THE COMMUNIQUE WERE INADVERTENTLY DROPPED. ZEIGLER SAID HE WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT. (LAUGHTER). I SURE AS HELL WON'T. (LAUGHTER)

Q. THERE IS A FEELING HERE IN ONE'S CONVERSATIONS WITH ISRAELIS THAT THERE IS A MOOD WHICH PRESUMES THAT THE ARAB STRATEGY RIGHT NOW IS TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR POSITION PREPARATORY TO THE LONG-RANGE DESIGN OF CONTINUING AN OFFENSIVE TO LIQUIDATE THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

ON THE BASIS OF YOUR TALKS WITH THE ARABS TO DATE WHAT REASSURANCE, IF ANY, CAN YOU GIVE THE ISRAELI POPULACE THAT THIS IS OR IS NOT IN THE LONG RANGE DESIGN OR SCHEME OF THE ARAB NEIGHBORS THAT SURROUND THEM?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED FOR 25 YEARS WITH THE THREAT OF EXTINCTION, WHOSE NEIGHBORS FOR ITS ENTIRE HISTORY HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED ITS EXISTENCE, NEEDLESS TO SAY LIVES WITH A PREMONITION OF CATASTROPHE THAT IS NOT TRUE OF ALMOST ANY OTHER STATE, AND THEREFORE THE SENSE OF CATASTROPHE, PARTLY AS A RESULT OF JEWISH HISTORY, PARTLY AS A RESULT OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY, HAS TO BE DEEP IN THE SOULS OF EVERYBODY HERE AND WE, AS AMERICANS, HAVE TO UNDERSTAND IT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL, THE ARAB STATES, EVEN THE MORE RADICAL ONES LIKE SYRIA, ARE TALKING ABOUT A CONTINUING STATE OF ISRAEL AND THAT SOME OF THE ARAB STATES SEEM TO HAVE MADE A RATHER CRUCIAL DECISION TO SEEK TO WORK OUT MODALITIES OF COEXISTENCE WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

NOW THIS IS AN ENTIRELY NEW EXPERIENCE FOR ISRAEL, AND IT IS ALSO DIFFICULT AND A PAINFUL ADJUSTMENT FOR ISRAEL TO SEE THAT THE POLARIZATION THAT HAD BEEN CHARACTERISTIC OF THE AREA

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THROUGH MOST OF THE HISTORY IF ISRAEL, WITH THE UNITED STATES TOTALLY ON ONE SIDE AND THE SOVIET UNION TOTALLY ON THE OTHER, IS ALSO CHANGING TO A MORE COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP.

IN MY EXPERIENCE ONE OF THE MORE MOVING ASPECTS OF THE DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN TO SEE THE TRANSFORMATION OF THAT FEAR INTO A SENSE OF SECURITY HAS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE PROCESS THAT THE PRESIDENT INITIATED LAST OCTOBER, AND I BELIEVE THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS TRIP AND OF THE EVENTS THAT WILL FOLLOW THIS TRIP, THAT ISRAEL WILL UNDERSTAND THAT ITS LONG-TERM SECURITY IS MORE SURELY GUARANTEED BY WHAT IS NOW GOING ON AND IN FACT IT IS THE ONLY WAY TO ASSURE IT.

THIS DOESN'T MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT AS ONE GOES THROUGH PARTICULAR PHASES THERE MAY NOT BE ELEMENTS OF UNCERTAINTY AND

EVEN ELEMENTS OF PAIN, BUT WE WILL FACE THEM WITH A SENSE OF PARTNERSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING THAT HAS BEEN CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR PREVIOUS EFFORTS.

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Q. CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT YOU ARE ALSO ABOUT TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY ISRAEL WILL BE GIVEN ASSISTANCE IN THE DIRECTION OF A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: WELL, IT IS OF COURSE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO COMMENT ON THINGS THAT WILL BE IN A JOINT STATEMENT, BUT IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL THAT WE HAVE ALSO MADE WITH EGYPT.

Q. YOU SAY WE ARE?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: IN PRINCIPLE.

Q. YOU MEAN ON THE NUCLEAR PLANTS?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: WHY DON'T YOU WAIT UNTIL WE -- I DON'T THINK I SHOULD ANSWER ANY MORE QUESTIONS ON WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE IN A COMMUNIQUE THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE PUBLISHED.

Q. DR KISSINGER, YOU STATED THAT I WOULD BE MOST DESIREABLE
IF JORDAN WOULD BE THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE PALESTINIANS, HOWEVER,
BOTH SYRIA AND EGYPT MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THEY REGARD
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THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, POSSIBLY SOME OF THE
BRANCHES, AS A LEGITIMATE SPOKESMAN FOR THE PALESTINIANS. DOES
THE UNITED STATES INTEND TO DEAL WITH THE PLO AND WOULD IT
RECOGNIZE THEM AS THE LEGITIMATE SPOKESMEN OF THE PALESTINIANS
IF EGYPT AND SYRIA INSISTED ON THIS?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: NO. WHAT I SAID WAS THAT THIS IS ONE AND
PERHAPS THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY OF DOING IT. WE CONSIDER THE
QUESTION NOW PREMATURE. WE WILL NOT MAKE OUR DECISION BASED
PRIMARILY ON WHAT THIS OR THAT OTHER STATE IN THE AREA MAY RECOM-
MEND.

Q. DR KISSINGER, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO RECOMMEND AS A NEXT
STEP IN THE NEGOTIATIONS DISENGAGEMENT TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND
JORDAN?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS FAVORED IN
PRINCIPLE TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN AND IT IS MY UNDER-
STANDING THAT ISRAEL IS NOT IN PRINCIPLE OPPOSED TO TALKS BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND JORDAN. THE PROBLEM IS WHETHER ONE CAN FIND SOME
FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THESE TALKS MAY TAKE PLACE. IF THE
TWO PARTIES AGREE ON TALKS, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE PREPARED
TO BE HELPFUL AND TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE.

THE PRESS: THANK YOU DR KISSINGER.

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